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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT ATTENDANCE AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING

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1. GOC DELEGATION AT COLOMBO WILL BE HEADED BY PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN CHRISTOPHIDES. IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE ANDREAS JACOVIDES DEPUTY HEAD OF PERMANENT MISSION TO UN AND ELIAS IPSARIDES WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS AT GOC FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE BELIEVE IPSARIDES WILL BE WILLING TO TALK WITH AMERICAN OFFICERS; PRESUMABLY JACOVIDES IS ALREADY KNOWN TO USUN OFFICER.

2. AS AT LAST YEAR'S LIMA CONFERENCE, TURK CYPRIOTS ARE AGAIN TRYING -- BUT WITHOUT MUCH HOPE OF SUCCESS -- TO SECURE SOME KIND OF FORMAL STATUS AT THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE, IF ONLY AS AN OBSERVER OR GUEST. FAILING THAT, THEY AT LEAST WANT TO BE PRESENT TO LOBBY AND PRESENT TURKISH SIDE OF CYPRUS QUESTION FROM THE SIDELINES, VEDAT CHELIK, DEPUTY PREMIER AND FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTER OF "TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS" (WHICH WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE), IS PLANNING TO REPRESENT HIS COMMUNITY AT THE CONFERENCE BUT INDICATED TO EMBOFFS THAT HE WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY OBTAINING VISA FROM WAHT HE REGARDED
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AS PRO-GREEK SRI LANLAN AUTHORITIES. CHELIK HAS REPRESENTED

TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AT THE UN IN DEBATES OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS COVERING THE CONFERENCE.

3. IN INTERVIEW WITH TURKISH ANATOLIAN NEWS AGENCY JULY 12, TURK CYPRIOT LEADER SENKTASH POINTED OUT THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE EXERTING STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE FROM ADDRESSING THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE AND WILL ALSO TRY TO PREVENT TURK CYPRIOTS FROM ADDRESSING UNGA IN THE FALL. ALLUDING TO UDI, DENKTASH WARNED: "ANY INJUSTICE TO US AT INTERNATIONAL FORUMS WILL NATURALLY PUSH US INTO TAKING NEW DECISIONS. IT WILL BE OUR DUTY TO DO SO AND NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO ACCUSE OF UNILATERAL ACTION, BECAUSE ANY BAN AGAINST US AT INTERNATIONAL FORUMS BY THE GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP AND ITS USURPATION OF OUR RIGHTS OF SPEECH AND DEFENSE CONSTITUTES AN INADMISSIBLE UNILATERAL ACTION."
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